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Reserve forests

* 241 *Q.*—Sri C. CHIRANJEEVULU NAIDU (on behalf of Sri R. S. Veerappa Chettiar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties of the agriculturists in securing green leaves for manuring purposes and for grazing their cattle, after the forests have been made reserved forests; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take to redress the grievances of agriculturists in the matter?

The Hon. Sri N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR: (*a*) & (*b*) Reservation of any land under the Madras Forest Act, 1882, is done only after taking all relevant factors into consideration.

Removal of green-leaf manure is allowed on payment of seigniorage rates from the Reserved Forests. Special green leaf manure blocks are also sold in places, where there is keen demand for it.

Though the entry of goats into the Reserved Forests is altogether prohibited, sheep, cows, bulls and buffaloes are generally allowed to graze in the Reserved Forests on payment of nominal charges. If the hon. Member brings to the notice of the Government specific instances of hardship, they will be looked into.

Sri A. RAGHAVA REDDI: In many of the ex-zamin villages, all the lands which were previously used as grazing-ground poramboke have been now classified as forest poramboke and the ryots are consequently put to a lot of hardship. I would like to know whether the Government will reclassify them or at least a portion of them as grazing-ground poramboke.

கனம் திரு. ந. நல்லசேனாபதி சர்க்கரை மன்றாடியார்: புல் தயாரிக்கும் ஸ்கீம் சர்க்காரில் இருக்கிறது. எந்தெந்த இடத்தில் புல் தயாரிப்பு நிலங்களை அமைக்கவேண்டுமென்பது காட்டு இலாகா மூலம் நடைபெற்று வருகிறது. கனம் மெம்பர் அவர்கள் ஜமீன் நிலம் பற்றிச் சொல்கிறார்கள். அதிலும் புல் தயாரிக்கும் ஸ்கீம் இருந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

River Boards

* 242 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Union Government have made any proposals for the constitution of River Boards; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) & (*b*) In March 1961, the Government of India addressed this Government for concurrence for the establishment of a River Board for the Cauvery Basin. This Government have informed the Government of India that there is no need for the formation of such a Board.